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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Steven Teig, et al.

Serial No.: 09/739,582

Filed: December 15, 2000

For: **Integrated Circuit Wiring Architectures
To Support Independent Designs**

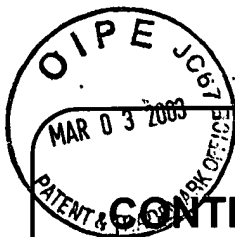
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is concurrently filed with the above-entitled Request for Continued Examination for presently pending application Ser. No. 09/739,582, entitled "Integrated Circuit Wiring Architectures to Support Independent Designs", filed on December 15, 2000, which is a continuation application of a presently pending application Ser. No. 09/733,104, entitled "Multi-Directional Wiring On A Single Metal Layer," filed on December 6, 2000.



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**REQUEST
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION
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Application Number	09/739,582
Filing Date	12/15/00
First Named Inventor	St ven Teig
Group / Art Unit	2815
Examiner Name	Chu, Chris C
Attorney Docket No.	SPLX.P0005

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on * under 37 CFR §1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **50-1128**

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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